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Commissioner Robert G. Taub, Chairman  
Commission Michael Kubayanda, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Mark Acton  
Commissioner Ann Fisher  
Commissioner Ashley Poling  
Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268

Re: Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Feeding South Dakota, I am writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. These increases—which are estimated to reach seven percent per year, or 40 percent compounded over five years, will have a negative impact on our ability to carry out Feeding South Dakota's mission to end hunger in South Dakota. In service of this mission, last year, Feeding South Dakota distributed 12,750,000 meals to families in need through South Dakota.

Today, we heavily rely on direct mail for much of our fundraising. The proposed change would greatly devalue our use of postal mail and inevitably lead us to a further migration from mail to alternative means of fundraising.

Given the negative impact this proposal would have on our organization and our agency partners that also depend on this fundraising, Feeding South Dakota urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,



Matt Gassen  
CEO